UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FORT WAYNE DIVISION

CONDRA SMITH,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil No 1:20-CV-00474
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, et al,) (Formerly 02D09-2011-PL-000475) Allen Superior Court)
Defendant.	<i>)</i>)

MOTION OF DEFENDANT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

Defendant United States of America submits this motion for an extension of time through February 15, 2021, to file a pleading responsive to plaintiff's complaint, and in support of this motion states as follows:

- 1. The undersigned counsel for defendant removed this case to this Court on December 17, 2020.
- 2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(3), for cases of this type initially filed in federal court, defendants are afforded a period of 60 days to file a responsive pleading.
- 3. So that the undersigned counsel for defendant has adequate time to prepare a responsive pleading, defendant requests an extension of time

of 60 days from the date this case was removed to this Court to file the responsive pleading.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant the motion of defendant United States of America for an extension of the time through February 15, 2021, to file a pleading responsive to plaintiff's complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 17, 2020, the MOTION OF

DEFENDANT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN EXTENSION

OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT was

electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system and

a copy of the foregoing was served by United States Mail, postage prepaid to

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